

OFFICE OF CHIEF ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICER
Summary of State Board of Education Agenda Items
Consent Agenda
December 21, 2023

OFFICE OF ACCREDITATION

- O. Approval of nonpublic school accreditation statuses for School Year 2023-2024

Background Information: Annual accreditation statuses for nonpublic schools are assigned in December of each year and are determined by information verified during the previous school year 2022-2023. Accreditation statuses are based on compliance with the process standards as outlined in the *Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2023*.

Any nonpublic school may voluntarily request accreditation. Accreditation is determined by the extent to which the school complies with each of the nonpublic policies and standards. Initial accreditation requires any newly applying school to be fully operational and to substantiate compliance with all accreditation requirements. Each nonpublic school voluntarily seeking initial accreditation must have conducted a program of educational services for a period of at least one (1) calendar year prior to date of proposed Mississippi State Board of Education accreditation. Each nonpublic school voluntarily seeking accreditation from the SBE is required to submit the Nonpublic School Accreditation Application annually in the fall of each school year.

An assigned status remains in effect during that school year unless the correction of deficiencies upgrades a status. A nonpublic school will be assigned a Probation status if the school was assigned an Advised status the previous school year and the school has not taken corrective actions or has not resolved the deficiencies that resulted in the Advised status.

Recommendation: Approval

Back-up material attached

Accreditation Statuses for Nonpublic Schools School Year 2023-2024

RECOMMENDED STATUS	TOTAL NUMBER
Accredited	40
Advised	5
Probation	0
Temporary	0
Voluntarily Withdrawn	9
Total	54

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (9)

STATUS

1870	Sacred Heart School - Hattiesburg	Accredited
2377	Holy Trinity Elementary - Bay St. Louis	Accredited
2464	St. Patrick Catholic High School - Biloxi	Accredited
2471	Nativity B.V.M. Elementary - Biloxi	Accredited
2473	Our Lady of Fatima Elementary - Biloxi	Accredited
2475	Saint James Elementary School - Gulfport	Accredited
2494	Sacred Heart School - D'Iberville	Accredited
3071	Resurrection Middle/High School - Pascagoula	Accredited
3073	Saint Alphonsus School - Ocean Springs	Accredited

CHOCTAW TRIBAL SCHOOLS (8)

STATUS

5007-004	Bogue Chitto Elementary - Philadelphia	Accredited
5007-008	Choctaw Central High School - Philadelphia	Accredited
5007-010	Choctaw Central Middle School - Philadelphia	Accredited
5007-012	Conehatta Elementary School - Conehatta	Accredited
5007-014	Pearl River Elementary School - Philadelphia	Accredited
5007-016	Red Water Elementary School - Carthage	Accredited
5007-020	Standing Pine Elementary School - Carthage	Accredited
5007-024	Tucker Elementary School - Philadelphia	Accredited

SPECIAL SCHOOLS (22)

STATUS

0450	Millcreek of Kosciusko - Kosciusko	Accredited
1774	Park Academy - Olive Branch	Accredited
1844	CARES, Inc. - Hattiesburg	Accredited
1878	Innova Prep - Hattiesburg	Accredited
1975	Millcreek - Meadville	Accredited
2455	The Canopy School - Jackson	Accredited
2480	*Roger A. McMurtry - Gulfport	Accredited
2487	Gulf Oaks Day School - Biloxi	Accredited
2544	CARES, Inc. - Jackson	Accredited
2562	*Williams School - Raymond	Accredited
3075	Lighthouse Academy for Dyslexia - Ocean Springs	Accredited
3850	Crossroads School/The Crossings - Meridian	Accredited
5150	Millcreek/Newton Satellite - Newton	Accredited
5350	Millcreek/Golden Triangle Satellite - Columbus	Accredited
5450	Millcreek/Batesville Satellite - Batesville	Accredited
5850	Millcreek of Pontotoc - Pontotoc	Accredited
6150	Millcreek of Pearl - Pearl	Accredited
6160	Brentwood- Crossroads School - Flowood	Accredited
6180	*Youthful Offender Unit School - Pearl	Accredited
6475	Millcreek School - Magee	Accredited
7650	Millcreek of Greenville - Greenville	Accredited
8050	Diamond Grove Center - Louisville	Accredited

***State Agency School**

OTHER PRIVATE SCHOOLS (1)**STATUS**

1070 French Camp Academy - French Camp Accredited

ADVISED (5)**STATUS**

1876 Dynamic Dyslexia Design (The 3-D School - Petal Advised
2376 Our Lady Academy High School - Bay St. Louis Advised
2478 St. Vincent DePaul Elementary - Long Beach Advised
2590 Magnolia Speech School - Jackson Advised
3072 Resurrection Catholic Elementary - Pascagoula Advised

VOLUNTARILY WITHDRAWN (9)**STATUS**

1470 Saint Elizabeth School - Clarksdale Withdrawn
1770 Sacred Heart School - Southaven Withdrawn
2572 Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School - Jackson Withdrawn
2573 Saint Richard Catholic School - Jackson Withdrawn
3870 Saint Patrick School - Meridian Withdrawn
4575 St. Anthony Catholic - Madison Withdrawn
4770 Holy Family - Holly Springs Withdrawn
6177 *Hudspeth/C.B. Noblin School - Whitfield Withdrawn
7971 Wilkinson County Christian - Woodville Withdrawn

Mississippi Nonpublic School Accountability Standards, 2023

Policy 2.3: Accreditation Statuses

Accreditation statuses assigned by the State Board of Education are (a) Accredited, (b) Advised, (c) Probation, (d) Temporary, and (e) Withdrawn.

Accredited. A nonpublic school will be assigned an accredited status when the school is in compliance with each of the applicable accreditation requirements and standards as described in this document.

Advised. A nonpublic school will be assigned an Advised status the first year that the school fails to comply with all of the requirements as described in this document.

Probation. A nonpublic school will be assigned a Probation status if the school was assigned an Advised status the previous school year and the nonpublic school has not taken corrective actions or has not resolved the process standard deficiencies that resulted in the Advised status. The nonpublic school will be required to develop a corrective action plan to address the deficiencies. (See Accreditation Policy 3.2.)

Temporary. A special purpose school that serves students with disabilities may be assigned a Temporary status when (a) the special purpose school is in compliance with IDEA and relevant state regulations and (b) is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). A Temporary status may also be assigned to a satellite school established by the governing body of an accredited nonpublic school currently on record with the State Board of Education.

A Temporary status will expire twelve months from the date that the Temporary status was assigned and is not renewable. During the twelve-month period, the school may apply to the State Board of Education for an accreditation status.

Withdrawn. A nonpublic school will be assigned a Withdrawn status when the school has been previously assigned a status of Probation and the school fails to meet the goals and timelines for resolving identified deficiencies as stated in its approved corrective action plan.